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SUBJ: EMERGENCY ARMS FOR YAR

REF: A. STATE 159482

B. SANAA 1514

C. JIDDA 3450

D. ABU DHABI 1174

1. REGRET ERROR IN TOTAL MATERIAL COST FOR ITEMS A

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THROUGH M GIVEN IN REFTEL A. CORRECT FIGURE FOR TOTAL  
ESTIMATED MATERIAL COST IS DOLLARS 1,889,000 RPT 1,889,000.  
IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS ESTIMATED FIGURE  
DOES NOT COVER ESTIMATED ACCESSORIAL CHARGES INCLING

PACKING, HANDLING, CRATING AND TRANSPORTATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES (SEE PARA 6 AND 10 BELOW). UNIT COST FOR EACH ITEM CITED REFTEL A IS CORRECT.

2. AVAILABILITY TIMES FOR WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WHICH FOLLOW ARE CALCULATED FROM DATE WHEN LETTER OF OFFER SIGNED BY YARG.

3. ALL ITEMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE ADDRESSED IN PARA 4 BELOW CAN BE READY FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS TO 3 MONTHS AFTER A FIRM FUNDED ORDER IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. WE ESTIMATE THAT 75 PER CENT OF THESE ITEMS COULD BE AVAILABLE

FOR SHIPMENT IN 15 TO 45 DAYS. THIS INCLUDES 50 EA MG CAL .50 M2; 50 EA MG CAL .30 M1919A6; 50 EA LAUNCHER ROCKET 3.5 IN M20A1B1; 5010 EA GRENADE HAND FRAG M67 W FUZE M213; 500,000 EA CTG CAL .50 4 BALL LTR LINKED; 1 MILLION ROUNDS CTG CAL .30 4 BALL LTR LINKED; TEN THOUSAND RDS CTG 81 MM HE M 374A1; AND 5001 EA ROCKET HE 3.5 IN M 28A2.

4. DELIVERY FOLLOWING ITEMS WOULD REQUIRE EXTENDED PERIOD:

A. 50 EA MOUNT TRIPOD MG CAL 50 M3; 6 MONTHS. THIS ITEM REQUIRES REBUILD PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

B. 50 EA MOUNT TRIPOD MG CAL 30 M2 6 MONTHS. THIS ITEM REQUIRES REBUILD PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

C. TEN EACH MORTAR 81 MM M29A1 18 MONTHS. THIS ITEM MUST BE SUPPLIED FROM NEW PROCUREMENT.

5. FOR JIDDA: RE 81MM MORTARS M29A1, 150 EA SCHEDULED ARRIVE SAUDI ARABIA UNDER FMS PROGRAM 2ND QTR FY 74. REQUEST YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT FEASIBLE SUGGEST SECRET

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TO SAG THAT 10 MORTARS FROM THIS INCREMENT BE DIVERTED TO YAR. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO REPLACE IN 19 MONTHS. EARLY ACTION ESSENTIAL BECAUSE LAST 32 OF SA 81MM MORTARS DUE OUT FROM PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST 1973.

6. TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS ALL ITEMS EXCEPT RECOILLESS RIFLES AND ASSOCIATED AMMO-TOTAL MATERIAL VALUE: DOLLARS 808,000  
CONUS INLAND TRANSPORTATION: DOLLARS 24,300  
PACKING, CRATING AND HANDLING: DOLLARS 28,300  
ADMIN CHARGE: DOLLARS 16,200  
TOTAL CASE VALUE (EXCLUSIVE OF AIRLIFT COST FROM CONUS TO SAUDI ARABIA) DOLLARS 877,000.

7. ESTIMATED AIRLIFT COST FOR ABOVE:

WHILE AIRLIFT BY CHANNEL AIR (ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 292,000) WOULD BE CHEAPER THAN SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT MISSION (SAAM), DELIVERY LIKELY TO BE INTERMITTENT AND RELATIVELY UNCERTAIN AS TO TIMES OF ARRIVAL. CONSEQUENTLY WE BELIEVE SAAM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. USAF ESTIMATES THIS WOULD REQUIRE 12 C-141 FLIGHTS FROM CONUS TO DHAHRAN AT COST OF APPROX. DOLLARS 586,000. USAF ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 22 SAUDI C-130 FLIGHTS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TRANSPORT ITEMS TO YAR FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

8. DOD QUESTIONS WHETHER THERE IS NEED FOR (1) 50 EA MOUNT TRIPOD MG CAL 30 M2 IN VIEW OF INTEGRAL SHOULDER STOCK AND BIPOD ON M1919A6 MACHINE GUN AND (2) SUCH LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMO ON URGENT BASIS FOR SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF WEAPONS. PROPOSE THAT AMMO QUANTITIES AIRLIFTED BE REDUCED TO THE FOLLOWING WITH THE REMAINDER SHIPPED BY SURFACE.

- A. 2,500 EA; GRENADE HAND FRAG M67
- B. 150,000 RDS; CTG CAL .50
- C. 300,000 RDS; CTG CAL .30
- D. 3,500 RDS; CTG 81MM HE M374A1
- E. 500 EA; ROCKET HE 3.5" M282A2

REQUEST COMMENTS USDAO JIDDA AND EMBASSY SANAA.

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9. AVAILABILITY (WITHOUT DIVERSION FROM U.S. SERVICES) FOR 30 EA RECOILLESS RIFLES 106MM M40A2 W/MOUNT M79 IS 16 MONTHS; FOR 10,000 RDS CTG 106MM HEAT M344A1, 15 MONTHS. SHOULD SHIPMENT BY AIR BE CONSIDERED FOR ABOVE TWO ITEMS 12 ADDITIONAL C-141 FLIGHTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT THESE ITEMS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND APPROXIMATELY 20 ADDITIONAL C-130 FLIGHTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO YAR.

10. TOTAL CASE VALUE FOR ITEMS LISTED PARA 9 ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 1,243,100 ON ASSUMPTION THAT OCEAN TRANSPORTATION FOR THESE ITEMS ACCEPTABLE TO YARG. TOTAL CONSISTS OF ESTIMATED MATERIAL VALUE DOLLARS 1,081,000; PACKING CRATING AND HANDLING DOLLARS 22,000; CONUS INLAND TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS 15,800; CONUS PORT HANDLING DOLLARS 27,000; OCEAN TRANSPORTING DOLLARS 64,900; PORT UNLOADING DOLLARS 10,800; AND ADMIN CHARGE DOLLARS 21,600.

11. SPOTTER ROUNDS. RE PARA 4 REFTEL C: 11,600 EA; CTG CAL .50 SP TR; UNIT COST 0.81 DOLS; CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THREE MONTHS FROM NEW STOCK. LBS 12,190; CUBE 451. TOTAL EST. COST INCLUDING ACCESSORIAL CHARGES 11,000.

12. ABU DHABI AND SANAA. IN VIEW IMMINENT DEPARTURE SHEIKH ZAYID, WE RECOGNIZE NECESSITY GIVING HIM TOTAL COST FIGURE NOW DESPITE QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 8 WHICH MAY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT REVISIONS. THE FIGURE TO BE GIVEN SHEIKH ZAYID IS COMPOSED OF ESTIMATED TOTAL CASE VALUE OF ITEMS LISTED PARA 3 (DOLLARS 877,000); ESTIMATED COST OF AIR TRANSPORT THESE ITEMS (DOLLARS 586,000); ESTIMATED COST OF RECOILLESS RIFLES AND ASSOCIATED AMMO ASSUMING SHIPMENT BY SEA (1,243,100) AND ESTIMATED COST OF SPOTTER ROUNDS INCLUDING ACCESSORIAL CHARGES (DOLLARS 11,000). TOTAL OF ABOVE DOLLARS 2,717,100. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHEIKH ZAYID IN COURSE HIS CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE GRIFFIN (ABU DHABI 1089) WAS PUZZLED AT NECESSITY FOR USG TO CHARGE FOR U.S. AIRLIFT OF ARMS FOR YAR TO SAUDI ARABIA. THIS WAS EXPLAINED TO HIM AND WE BELIEVE HE UNDERSTANDS. HOWEVER, IF FEASIBLE, WHEN INFORMING SHEIKH ZAYID AND/OR FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI AND ABU DHABI REP IN SANAA (WHEN AND IF HE ARRIVES) OF  
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TOTAL COSTS, SUGGEST YOU GIVE ONE GLOBAL FIGURE (DOLLARS 2,717,100) AND NOT RPT NOT PRESENT SEPARATE FIGURE FOR AIRLIFT COST FROM CONUS TO SAUDI ARABIA. IF RPT IF QUESTION OF TRANSPORT COMES UP AGAIN IN ABU DHABI, CHARGE SHOULD NOTE THAT TOTAL COST FIGURE INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IS INTEGRAL PART OF MILITARY SALES TRANSACTION. WE WILL OF COURSE MAKE AVAILABLE TO UAE GOVERNMENT AN ITEMIZED BREAKDOWN OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH LINE ITEM ONCE FINAL DETERMINATION MADE REGARDING PORTION OF PACKAGE TO BE AIRLIFTED. SINCE ZAYID AND SUWAYDI LIKELY BE AWAY FROM ABU DHABI ALL OF SEPTEMBER, CHARGE SHOULD ASK ZAYID TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE WHO CAN BE UAEG CONTACT ON THIS MATTER, POSSIBLY MINISTER OF STATE HABROUSH. RUSH

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